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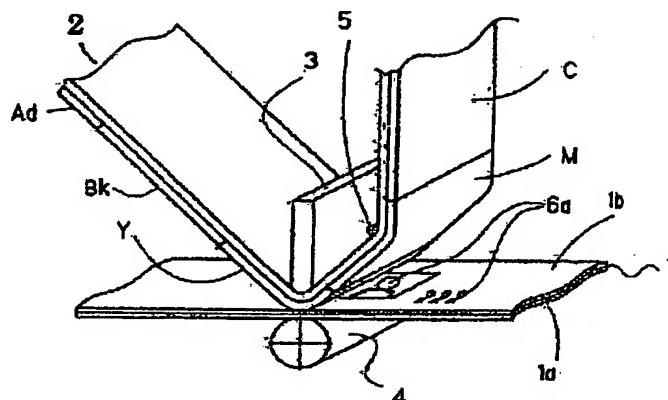
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ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To easily alter a shape of a transfer site without preprocessing in the case of transferring an image reception to an object to be processed via an intermediate transfer medium by transferring an adhesive layer area of an ink ribbon to an image receiving layer only to a site of the object of the medium brought into contact with an image receiving layer transfer site.

SOLUTION: An adhesive layer Ad for adhering an image receiving layer 1b of an intermediate transfer medium 1 to a plastic card is provided on an ink ribbon 2. When a color image 6a is extracted on the layer 1b by a heat of a thermal head 3, the layer Ad is transferred to the layer 1b in response to an area and a shape of the transfer site. Accordingly, even when the medium 1 is guided to the card and heated and pressurized, the layer 1b is not transferred to the non-transfer site of the card, and a contact fault of an IC chip or the like provided at the non-transfer site or reading or writing fault of data can be prevented. Further, since a releasing shape of the layer 1b can freely be altered, various objects to be processed can be dealt with easily.

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